



Department Updates

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Child Support Agency

Lynette Metcalf, Program Manager

The Barron County Child Support website (<https://www.barroncountywi.gov/departments>) is an excellent resource for clients to utilize. The website provides access to forms and helpful information such as applying for services, checking payment information, child support calculator, payment options, direct deposit form, job search form, medical documentation form, Motion to Change document, Stipulation and Order to Change document, and payment coupon access.

Child Support funding is based on performance guideline categories of Court Order Establishment, Paternity Establishment, Current Child Support Collections, and Arrears Collections. The graph below represents a comparison of the Barron County Child Support Agency current performance with the State of Wisconsin's FFY Target goal and the State of Wisconsin's FFY 2022 (statewide average) performance.

	Barron County as of April 30, 2022	Wisconsin Target Rate at FFY End	Wisconsin FFY 2022 as of April 30, 2022
Court Order Establishment	93.96%	80%	85.60%
Paternity Establishment	103.88%	90%	93.50%
Current Child Support	76.73%	80%	73.39%
Arrears Collection	67.34%	80%	61.11%

The Barron County Child Support Agency was able to collect a total of \$1,711,782.07 from February 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022 to support our client's families.

The Child Support window remains open to the public from 8:00am-4:30pm. Our staff continues rotating time in the office and working remotely. Child Support clients are strongly encouraged to call (715) 537-6390 and leave a voicemail or email our agency at childsupport@co.barron.wi.us to set up an appointment with their caseworker to ensure availability.

Forestry

John Cisek, Forest Administrator

- Clearing on the Historical Museum property is completed.
- The Variable Sale in Bear Lake Township was opened up last week and is proceeding. Expected revenue is \$106,680.00
- The DNR Audit of the Forestry program was completed. Results are pending.

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Finance

Jodi Busch Finance Director

The last few months have been like a whirlwind in the Finance Department. CliftonLarsonAllen conducted their fieldwork for three weeks through the end of April and first part of May. It was again nice to hear that we continue to be top notch when it comes to preparedness at the start of the audit. For Barron County, when the audit starts, we can actually breathe a little easier because we already have everything completed and uploaded at their fingertips. This saves them a lot of time not having to chase documents down, and honestly, some days we hardly hear from them. Areas of focus included auditing various accounts in all Barron County funds, grant testing, fixed assets, payroll, treasurer's cash and investments, to name a few.

Even though CLA's fieldwork is completed, the audit finalization will continue in July, with CLA compiling our Financial Statements and preparing reports to be filed with the State and Federal Governments. Once the compilation of the data is completed, drafts of the Financial Statements will be sent to Barron County for our review. When our review is finalized, reports will be filed and the final Financial Statements will be printed. The final deadline for completion and filing is July 31st.

Once the Financial Statements are released, they are sent to a variety of agencies that service Barron County. These Statements affect grant funding, bond ratings, interest rates, and bonding. They are part of the reason we were able to keep our AA Bond Rating as we worked through the 2020 bonding for the new Highway Facility.

And speaking of the Highway Facility, construction is at full speed. To date, we have expended just under \$17.3 million (69%) of the \$25 million bond.

With the 2023 Budget season right around the corner, our focus will soon be shifting again. New budget spreadsheets will be created, and wage projections will be calculated and distributed to the departments with the budget worksheets the second week of July. Then it is full speed ahead to build a balanced budget over the summer, with final County Board approval in early November. I think it's safe to say that the whirlwind will continue in Finance. Happy Summer!